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## **EDUCATION**

- May 2020 M.A. in Sociology. “‘Out to Get Us’: Contemporary Evangelical Expressions of Identity in Interaction,” Thesis Committee: Dr. Amy McDowell (chair), Dr. Minjoo Oh, Dr. John Sonnett. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi.
- May 2018 B.A. in English (*cum laude*), Minor in Sociology. Graduated with Honors.
- Honors Thesis in Sociology: “‘Everybody but Us’: Constructing Evangelical Identities by Defining the Skeptic,” Thesis Committee: Dr. Amy McDowell (chair), Dr. Kirsten Dellinger, Dr. James Thomas, Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, University of Mississippi.
- Capstone paper for B.A. in English: “Tess Durbeyfield’s Blighted Star: Domination in Hardy’s *Tess of the D’Urbervilles*.” Department of English, University of Mississippi.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Religion, Culture and Cognition, Theory, Ethnography, Gender and Sexuality

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2017 Ward, Pace. “Perception, Identity, and Oppression in William Blake’s ‘Visions of the Daughters of Albion.’” *The University of Mississippi Undergraduate Research Journal (UMURJ)*. 2(1): Article 3.
- Works in progress*
- 2019 McDowell, Amy and Pace Ward. “Doing Church on the Defense: How Ordinary Evangelicals Promote Religious Liberty at Church.”

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2019 “Ensure, Sustain, Multiply: Rearticulating Boundary Permeability via Cultural Capital and Biopower.” Interrogating Analytic Constructs Roundtable, American Sociological Association, New York, NY (August).

- 2019 “‘Everybody but Us’: Constructing Evangelical Identities by Defining the Skeptic.” Graduate Student Paper Competition. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Starkville, MS (February).
- 2018 “Doing Church on the Defense: Religious Freedom and the Protection of the Sex/Gender/Sexuality System in Mississippi.” Southern Sociological Society (with Amy McDowell), New Orleans, LA (April).

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2020 Presidential Fellowship, The University of Notre Dame, \$4,000
- 2019 Summer Graduate Research Assistantship Program for M.A. thesis research, The University of Mississippi, \$2,500.
- 2019 Graduate Student Travel Award for American Sociological Association Roundtable paper presentation, The University of Mississippi Graduate School, \$300.
- 2019 Graduate Student Paper Competition, “‘Everybody but Us’: Constructing Evangelical Identity by Defining the Skeptic.” Second Place Winner. Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2018 Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College grant for Honors thesis research and conference travel, The University of Mississippi, \$1,000.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2020 Research Assistant, Dr. John Sonnett  
Collected and organized online news content for analysis
- 2019-2020 Research Assistant, Dr. Amy McDowell  
Collected and transcribed participant observation data  
Transcribed church sermons  
Transcribed in-depth, semi-structured interviews (N = 10)  
Coded and wrote analytic memos on interview data  
Conducted in-depth, semi-structured interviews (N = 2)  
Literature searches
- 2019-2020 M.A. Sociology thesis research  
Collected and transcribed 40 hours of participant observations
- 2019 Field researcher for Invisible Histories Project-Mississippi

Collected participant observation data at Tupelo Pride, Tupelo, Mississippi (October 11, 2019)

2018 Honors thesis research  
Collected and transcribed 30 hours of participant observations

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame  
(*current position*) SOC 20666 Environment, Food, and Society, Dr. Christian Smith  
(32 students)

Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
University of Mississippi  
SOC 329 Identities and Subjectivity, Dr. Minjoo Oh (10 students)

Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
University of Mississippi  
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Ana Velitchkova (66  
students)  
SOC 336 Sociology of Religion, Dr. Amy D. McDowell (20  
students)

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
University of Mississippi  
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Amy D. McDowell (63  
students)  
SOC 365 Methods of Social Research, Dr. Ana Velitchkova (13  
students)

I also provided additional assistance as lecturer, assistant, proctor, or grader in the following courses:

INST 101 Introduction to International Studies  
SOC 302 Sociological Theory  
SOC 451 Sex and Power  
SOC 601 Studies in Social Theory

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

2019-2020 Website Manager, The Summer Course on Grant Writing in the Social,  
Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SCG). <https://scginfo.org>

2017-2018 Editor, Social Sciences section, *The University of Mississippi Undergraduate Research Journal (UMURJ)*.

***Professional Memberships***

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Sections: Sociology of Religion; Sociology of Culture  
Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)